

THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF SCENARIOS  
WHICH COULD END US IN APOCALYPSE,  
SUCH AS CLIMATE CHANGE, FATAL VIRUS,  
VOLCANIC EXPLOSIONS, EARTHQUAKES,  
ICE AGES AND METEORS.



THE YEAR IS 4144 A.D.  
HUMANITY HAS ABANDONED THE EARTH.





THE CRISIS DIDN'T EVEN BEGIN  
WITH ONE OF THESE THINGS.

HAVING REACHED THE  
ULTIMATE LEVEL OF CIVILIZATION,  
HUMANITY USED AN ENDLESS SIMULATION  
TO TRY AND DEVISE MEASURES WHICH WOULD  
RESPOND TO THESE THREATS.



BUT IN FACT, THE ULTIMATE CAUSE OF THE  
EARTH'S DEMISE WAS NONE OF THESE.

THE LOST TERRITORY WHICH EXISTED  
ABOUT THIS DATE WAS—





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ON A PEACEFUL DAY IN THE  
FORTY SECOND CENTURY,  
THE EARTH'S GRAVITY CHANGED  
IN AN UNPRECEDENTEDLY SUDDEN MANNER.

THE INCREASED GRAVITY LEVEL THREW  
THE ENTIRE CYCLE OF THE ATMOSPHERE,  
EARTH'S CRUSTY LIFE FORMS INTO DISARRAY,  
AND THIS LED TO RAPID MASS DESTRUCTION  
OF ECOSYSTEMS.



OBSERVATIONS SHOWED THAT,  
WITH A SLIGHT VARIATION IN THE NUMBERS,  
THIS PHENOMENON WAS ALSO OCCURRING  
ON OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND  
WAS NOT LIMITED TO THE EARTH.



SO...  
FOR THIS  
PHENOMENON...

SINCE GRAVITY IS SOMETHING THAT FLOWS  
INTO OUR UNIVERSE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION  
AND DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM THE DIMENSION  
OR UNIVERSE IN WHICH HUMANITY LIVES,



**THERE'S NOTHING  
WE CAN DO....**



THIS IS A TRULY  
UNEXPECTED  
"NATURAL DISASTER."

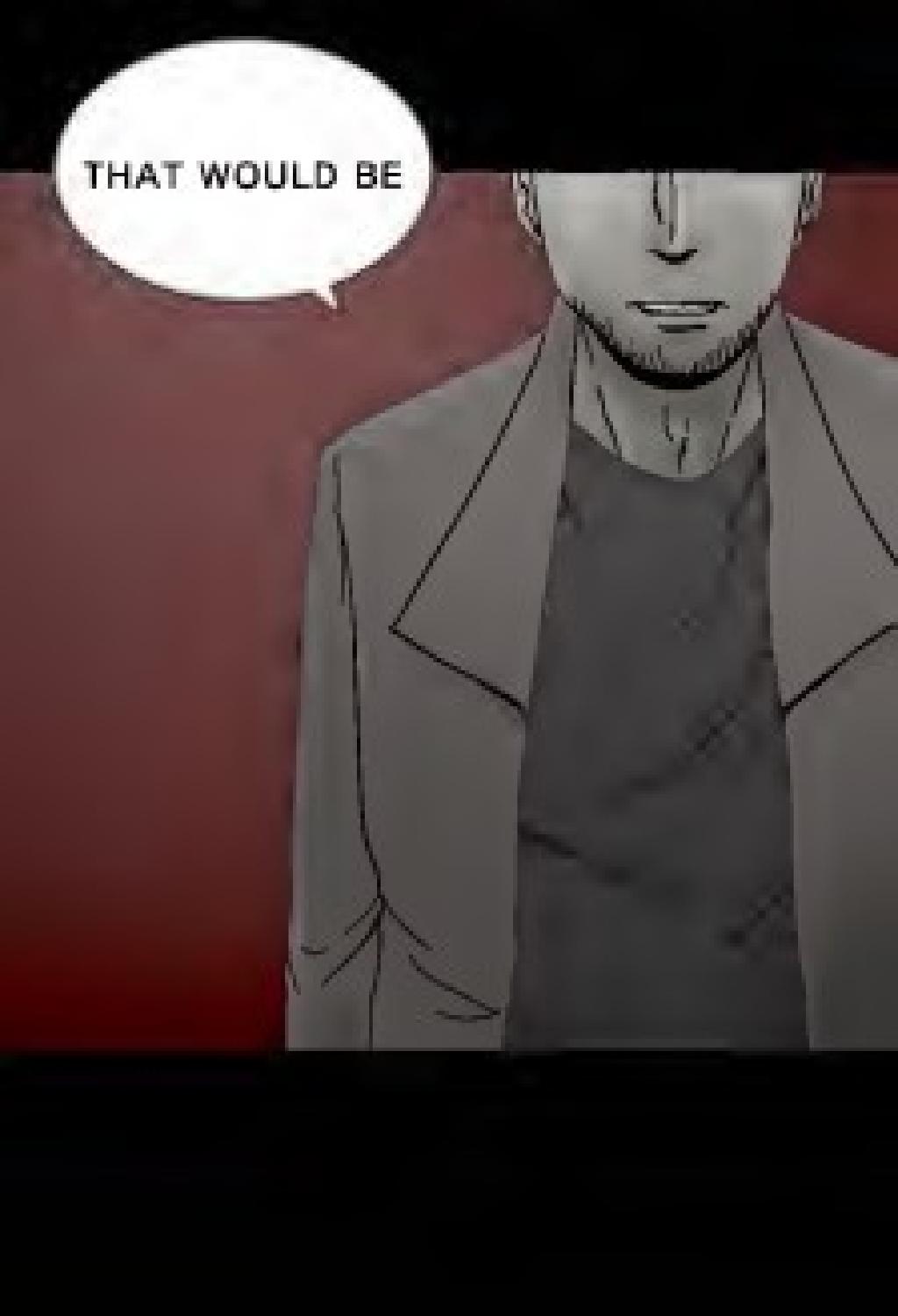


I BELIEVE THAT THIS  
SUDDEN CHANGE IN  
GRAVITY WAS CAUSED BY...  
A BIG BANG IN ANOTHER  
DIMENSION'S UNIVERSE.

THEY HAD NO WAY OF SURVIVING ON A STAR WHICH  
HAD BECOME SIMPLY ANOTHER "PLANET"



WAIT.  
THERE IS ONE THING  
WE CAN DO.

A black and white illustration of a man from the chest up. He has a very pale, almost white, face with dark hair and a mustache. He is wearing a light-colored suit jacket over a striped shirt. A large, solid red shape, possibly a hand or a sleeve, is visible on the left side of the frame, partially obscuring his arm. In the upper left corner, there is a white, rounded rectangular speech bubble containing the text.

THAT WOULD BE

AND SO,

HUMANITY LEFT ON A JOURNEY.

A VERY, VERY LONG

JOURNEY.

TO LEAVE  
THE EARTH.

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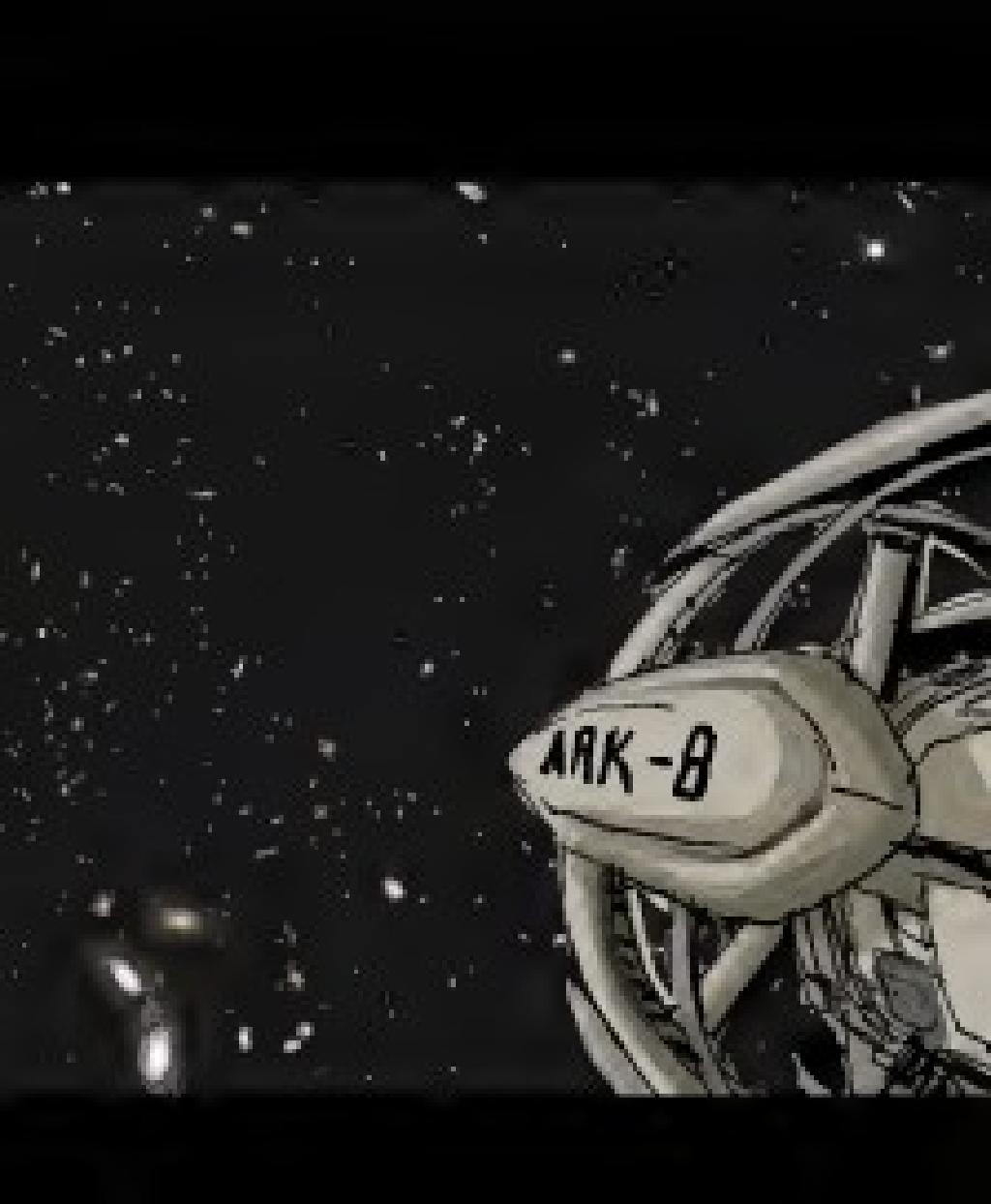
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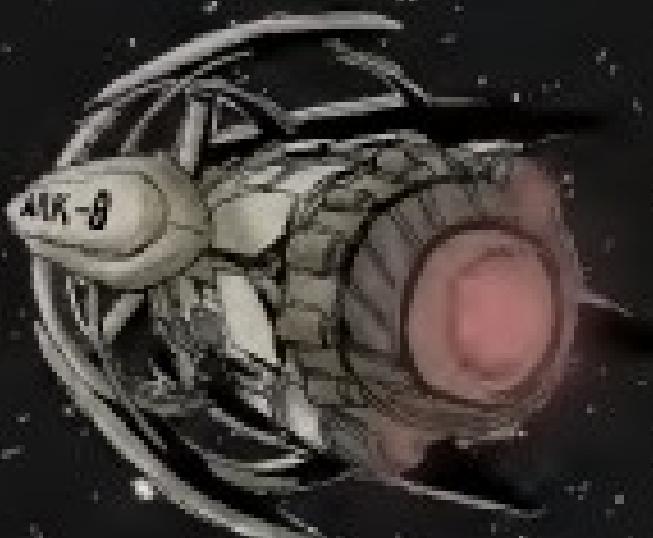
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THE PROBE'S TARGET:  
TO FIND A STAR.



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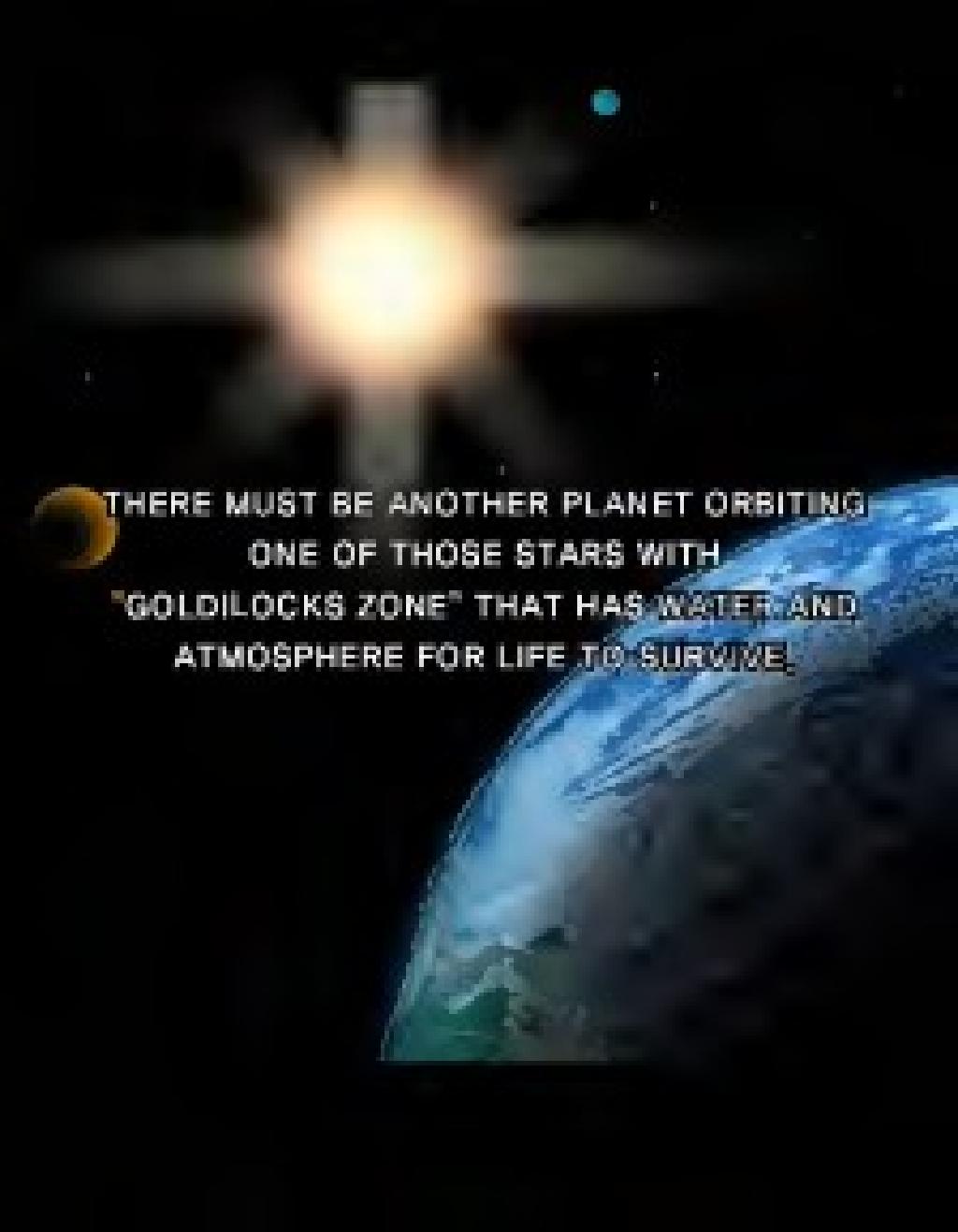




SINCE THE ORIGIN OF LIFE IS LIGHT AND HEAT,  
A STAR WHICH COULD GUARANTEE THESE  
FOR HUMANITY WAS THE TOP PRIORITY.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100 BILLION  
STARS IN OUR GALAXY,

[TEN YEARS LATER]



**THERE MUST BE ANOTHER PLANET ORBITING  
ONE OF THOSE STARS WITH  
"GOLDLILOCKS ZONE" THAT HAS WATER AND  
ATMOSPHERE FOR LIFE TO SURVIVE.**



BUT THE PROBLEM WAS DISTANCE AND SPEED.  
IN OTHER WORDS, TIME.

150KM/SECOND

340,000KM/HOUR

A SPEED THAT ACHIEVES A REMARKABLE  
0.05% OF THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

**ENGINE ROOM**

FOLLOWING THE SO-CALLED "GRAVITY CRISIS,"  
HUMANITY BANDED TOGETHER TO TRY AND FIND  
A WAY TO OVERCOME GRAVITY.



ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THIS COOPERATION  
WAS THE CREATION OF THE  
DRIVEBY NAVIGATION METHOD.



THIS ENGINE, WHICH ALLOWS ACCELERATION AND  
DECELERATION TO BE DONE USING GRAVITY,  
MADE SEMI-PERMANENT TRAVEL POSSIBLE WHICH  
DOESN'T REQUIRE A PROPELLANT.



LOW  
GRAVITY

HIGH  
GRAVITY

HOWEVER, WITH THIS PROBE WHICH CONTAINED  
THE ESSENCE OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION

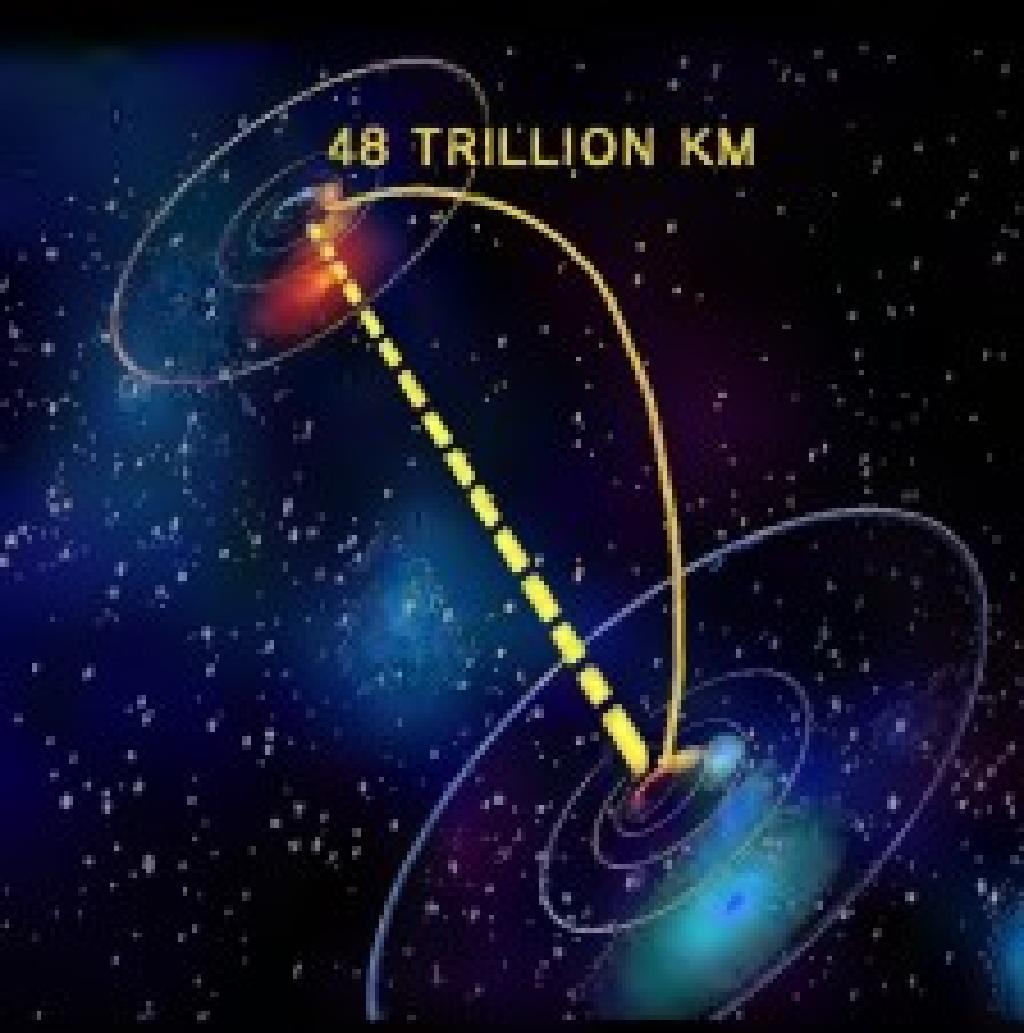


THE PROBLEM WAS STILL  
DISTANCE AND SPEED.

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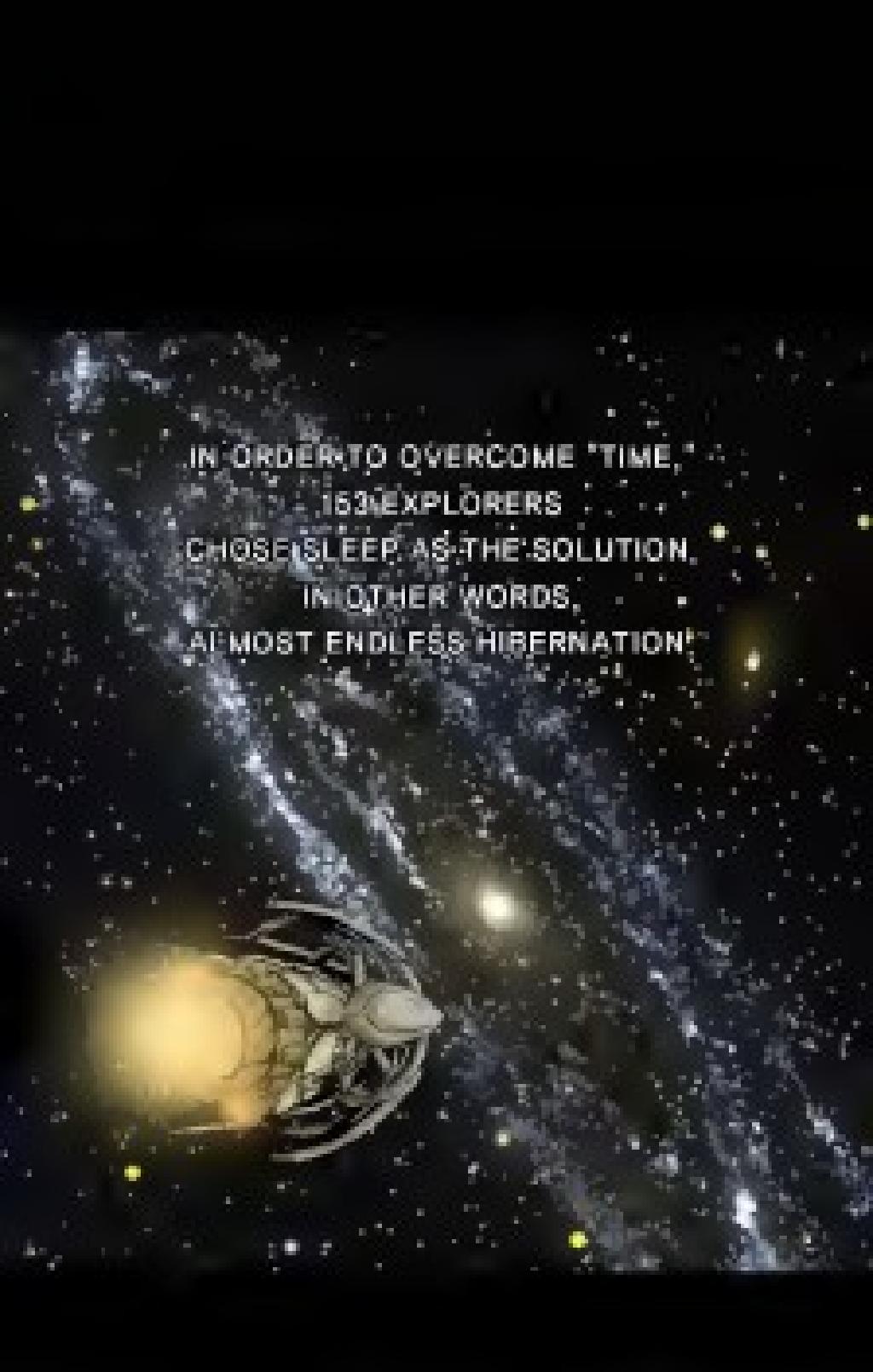
TIME

[1,000 YEARS LATER]

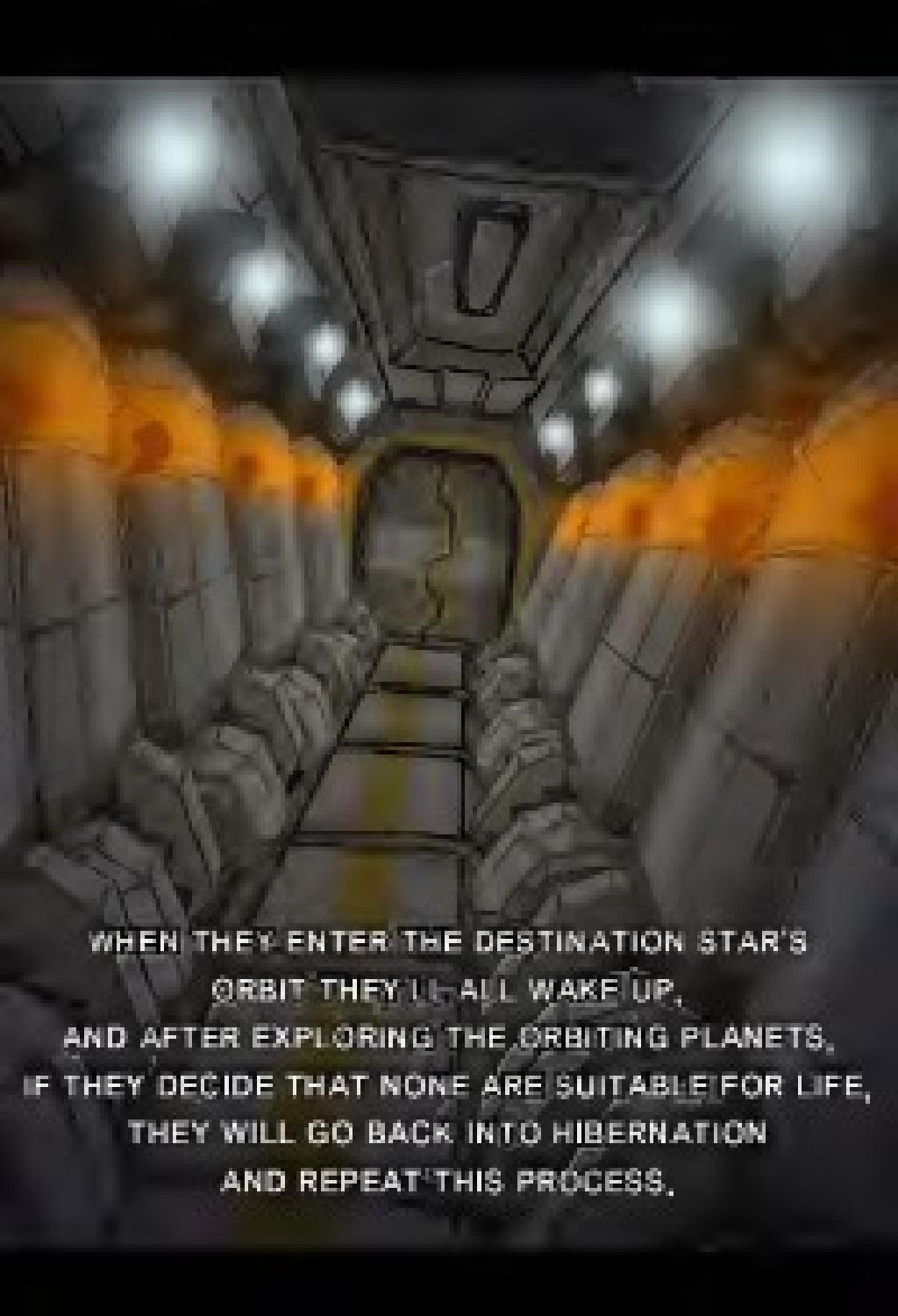


**48 TRILLION KM**

IT STILL TOOK ALMOST  
10,000 YEARS TO REACH  
THE NEAREST STAR IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM,  
ALPHA CENTAURUS.



IN ORDER TO OVERCOME "TIME,"  
163 EXPLORERS  
CHOSE SLEEP AS THE SOLUTION.  
IN OTHER WORDS,  
ALMOST ENDLESS HIBERNATION.



WHEN THEY ENTER THE DESTINATION STAR'S  
ORBIT THEY'LL ALL WAKE UP,  
AND AFTER EXPLORING THE ORBITING PLANETS,  
IF THEY DECIDE THAT NONE ARE SUITABLE FOR LIFE,  
THEY WILL GO BACK INTO HIBERNATION  
AND REPEAT THIS PROCESS.



IN FACT,  
IT WAS CLOSER TO DEATH THAN SLEEP.

[10,000 YEARS LATER]

THE PROBE FINALLY REACHES ALPHA CENTAURUS.  
THE FIRST TIME THE EXPLORERS  
AWOKE IN 10,000 YEARS.  
THEIR FIRST MISSION IN 10,000 YEARS.



MINIMAL DAMAGE TO  
THE SPACECRAFT.  
AUTO REPAIR HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED.

A black and white illustration of a woman wearing a futuristic space suit. She has short hair and is looking down at a circular screen or display board. The background shows the interior of a spacecraft with various equipment and cables.

**153 CREW MEMBERS'  
VITAL SIGNS- NORMAL,  
INITIATING PLANET SCAN.**





"GOD, PLEASE SHOW US YOUR MERCY."



THE ASTRONAUTS ALL PRAYED TOGETHER,

[50,000 YEARS LATER]





THREE ADDITIONAL SIDERAL SYSTEM  
EXPLORATION TRIPS ALSO FAILED.



THERE WAS NO GOLDILOCKS ZONE  
ON THESE PLANETS.  
VENUS IS THE CLOSEST STAR TO OUR SUN  
AND HELD GREAT PROMISE.  
DISAPPOINTMENT AND  
DESPAIR SPREAD LIKE A PLAGUE.

The background of the image is a dark, turbulent landscape, possibly a volcanic scene. It features several bright, glowing lava flows that are orange and yellow at their cores, transitioning to red and then dark shadows on the edges. Between these flows, there are dark, billowing plumes of smoke or ash rising into a dark sky. The overall atmosphere is one of intense heat and destruction.

BUT ALL THEY SAW  
WAS A PLANET THAT RESEMBLED HELL,

A black and white comic-style illustration of a man from the chest up. He has short, light-colored hair and is wearing a dark purple zip-up hoodie over a matching purple scarf. His expression is one of concern or worry, with furrowed brows and a slightly open mouth. The background is dark and textured.

ARE WE REALLY...  
JUST GOING TO  
FREEZE UP AND DIE...

A dark, atmospheric scene featuring a white speech bubble in the center. The background is a deep purple and black gradient with glowing blue and white particles, resembling a starry space or a futuristic interface. A small, dark, vertical shape is visible at the bottom center.

ARE WE REALLY  
JUST GONNA FREEZE  
UP INTO NOTHING  
MORE THAN A PIECE  
OF ICE?

OVERCOME WITH DESPAIR AND DISCOURAGEMENT,  
THE EXPLORERS STARTED EXHIBITING SIGNS  
OF STRANGE BEHAVIOR.



I HAD A DREAM...  
DURING THE  
HIBERNATION...

A DREAM THAT  
LASTED TENS OF  
THOUSANDS OF  
YEARS...

THIS STRANGE BEHAVIOR OVERTOOK  
EVERYONE ON THE PROBE.



DO YOU HAVE ANY  
IDEA HOW LONG IT'LL  
TAKE TO EXPLORE ALL  
OF THE STARS IN OUR  
GALAXY?



860 TRILLION  
YEARS. HEHEHE...  
YOU KNOW WHAT  
THAT MEANS, RIGHT?

OVERCOME BY THE IMMENSELY VAST UNIVERSE  
AND THE ALMOST ENDLESS TIME IT  
WOULD TAKE TO EXPLORE IT,  
THE CREW MEMBERS STARTED  
LOSING THEIR MINDS.



AM I...

A black and white comic panel. In the foreground, a man with glasses and a suit jacket is holding a woman's face in his hands, looking down at her with a serious expression. The woman has dark hair and is wearing a light-colored dress. In the upper right corner, there is a white speech bubble containing text.

I'LL ASK YOU  
ONE MORE TIME,  
DOCTOR.



ALIVE?

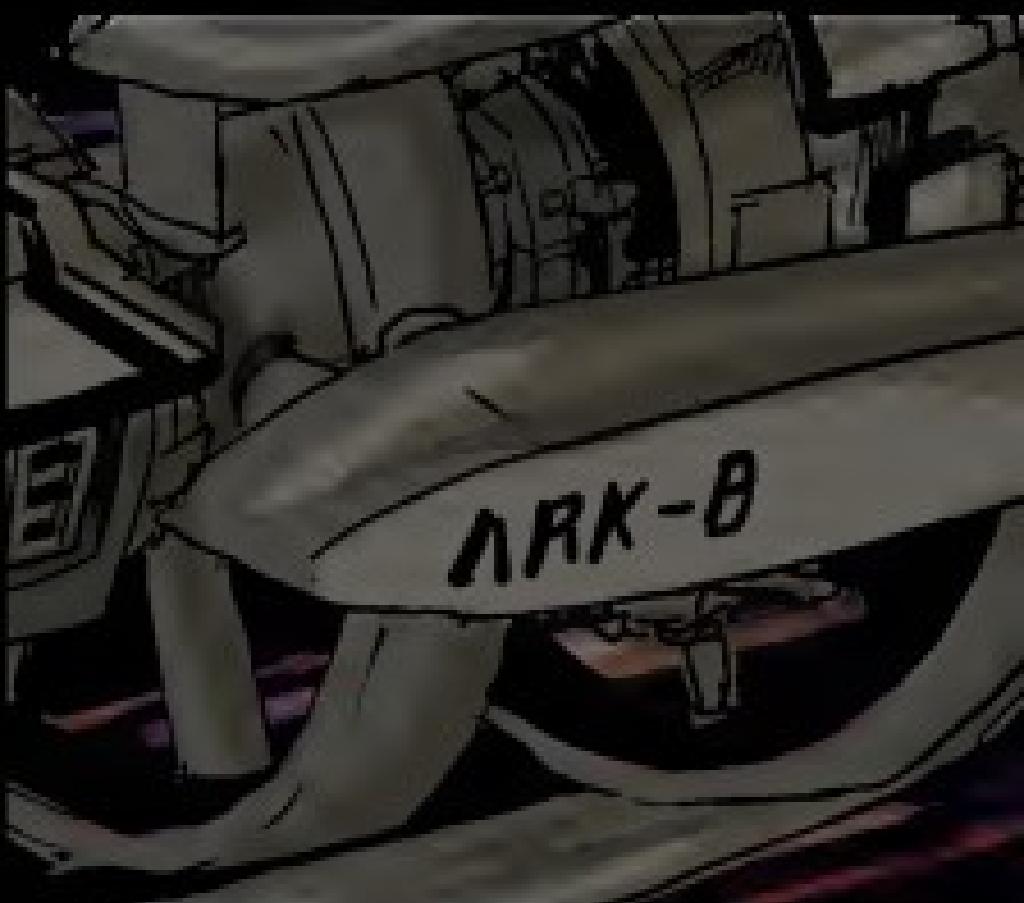


[100,000 YEARS LATER]

THE NUMBER OF PLANETS THEY HAD  
EXPLORED INCREASED TO TRIPLE DIGITS,  
  
WHILE THE NUMBER OF REMAINING CREW  
MEMBERS DECREASED TO DOUBLE DIGITS.

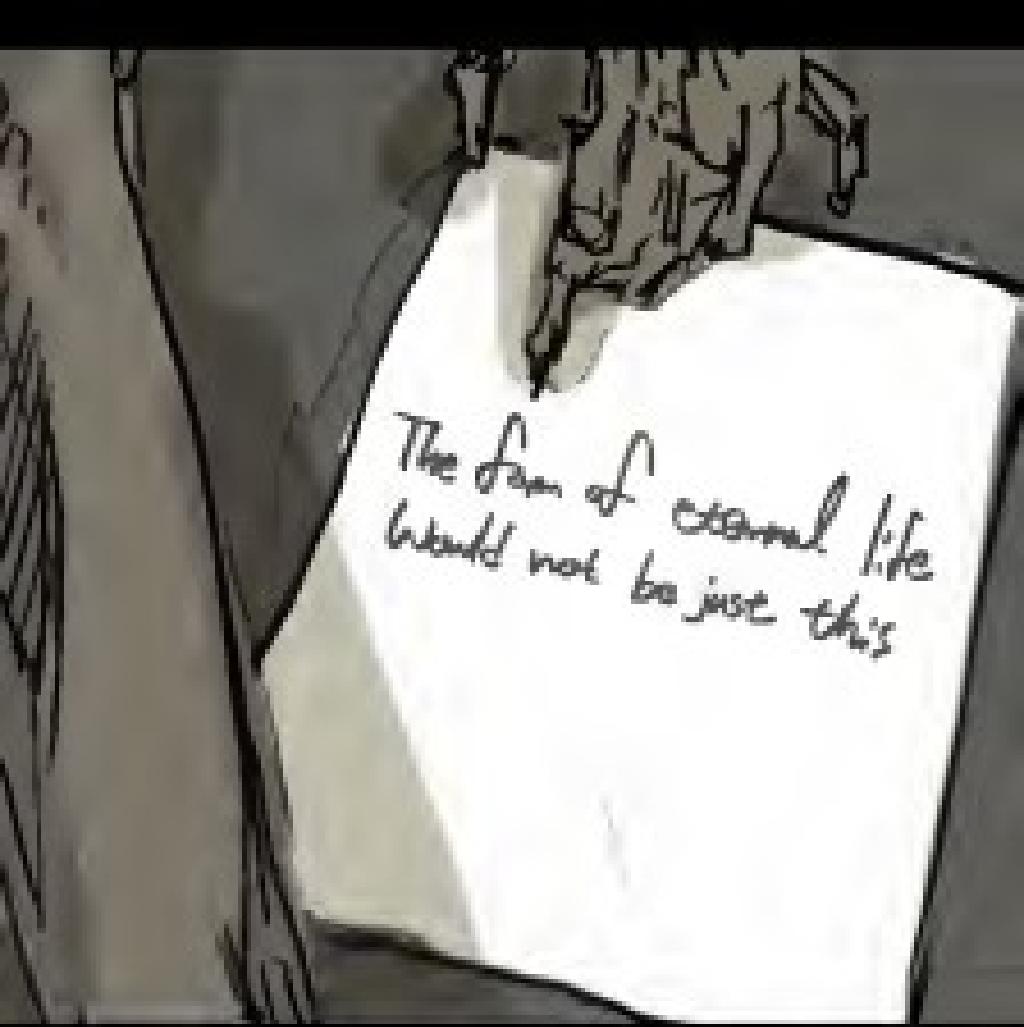
LEAVING THOSE WORDS AS HER FINAL TESTIMONY,  
SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

SEVENTEEN MORE CREW MEMBERS DIED THAT DAY,



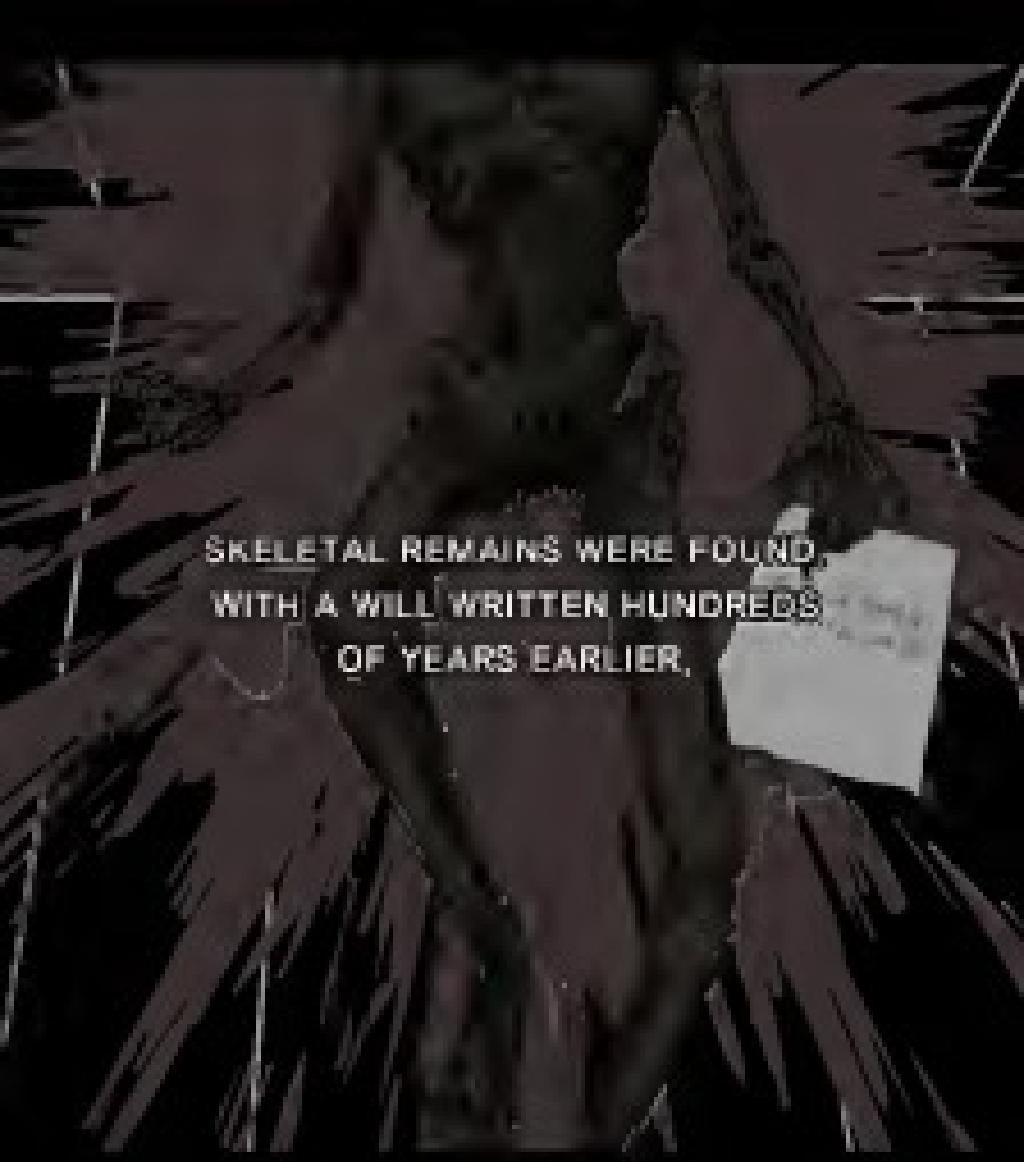
AND THEN THE PROBE  
STARTED TRAVELLING AGAIN.





The fear of coastal life  
would not be just this

A STAR WHICH COULD SUPPORT LIFE



SKELETAL REMAINS WERE FOUND,  
WITH A WILL WRITTEN HUNDREDS  
OF YEARS EARLIER,

WHETHER INTENTIONALLY OR BY ACCIDENT,  
HE HAD AWOKEN FROM HIBERNATION BY HIMSELF,  
AND CHOSE DEATH RATHER THAN  
GOING BACK TO SLEEP.



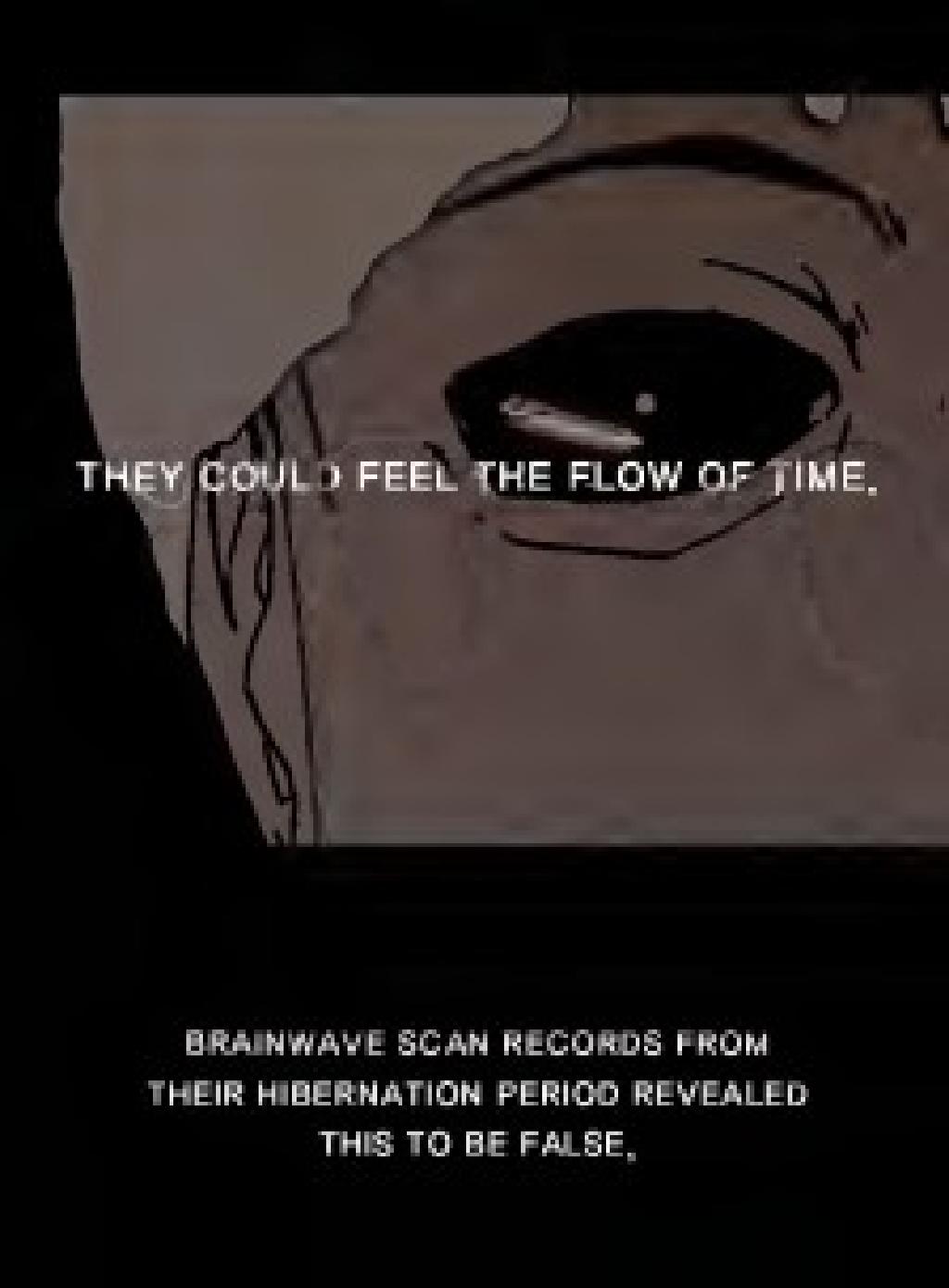
HAD STILL NOT BEEN FOUND.

[300,000 YEARS LATER]

MORE THAN HALF OF THE EXPLORERS SAID  
THAT THEY FELT "TIME" DURING HIBERNATION.



I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.  
BUT... I'M SURE...



THEY COULD FEEL THE FLOW OF TIME.

BRAINWAVE SCAN RECORDS FROM  
THEIR HIBERNATION PERIOD REVEALED  
THIS TO BE FALSE.



PEOPLE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED  
TIME FOR EVEN LONGER  
COULDN'T EVEN MAKE THIS CLAIM.

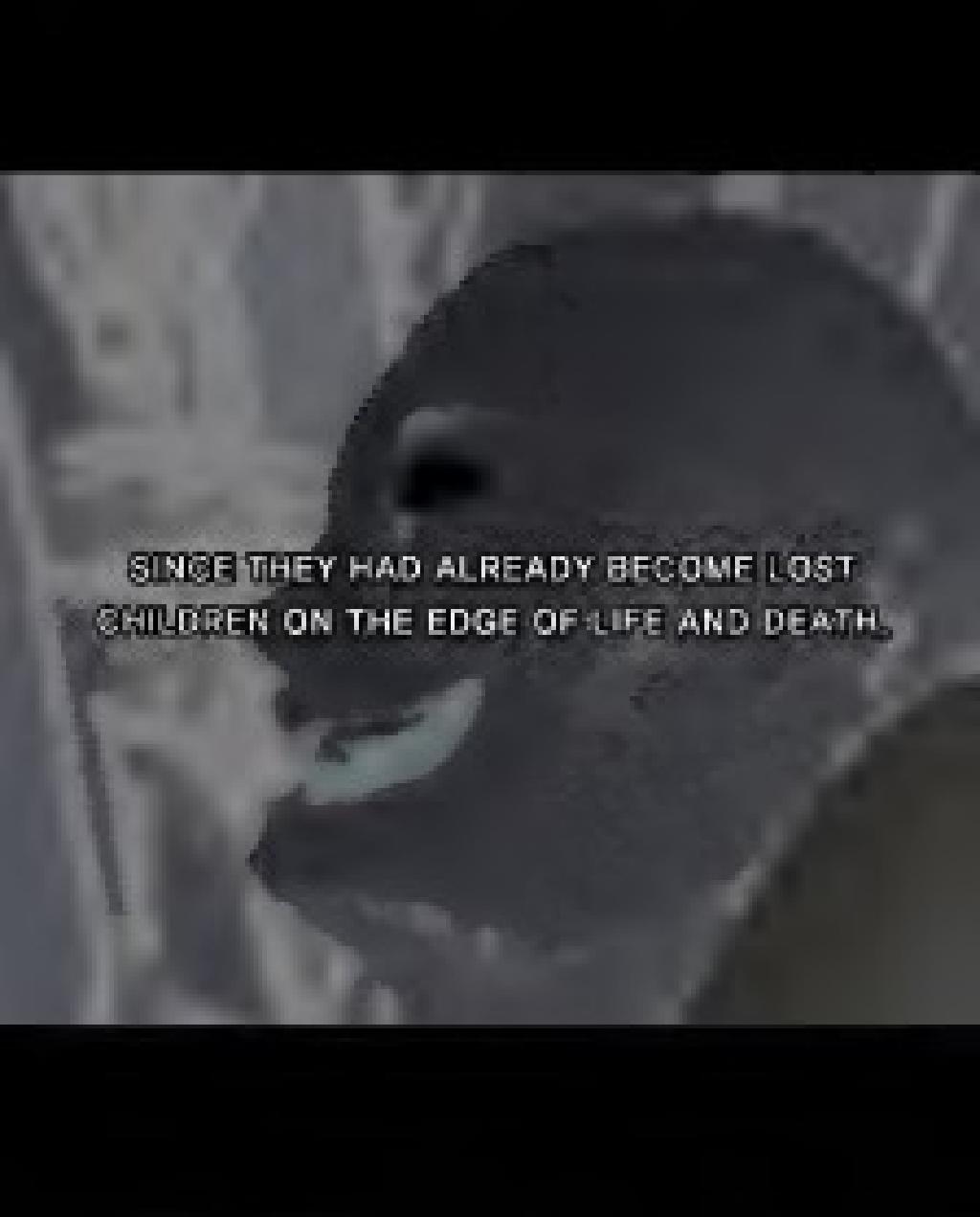


BUT THERE WERE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE  
DESCRIBING THE EXACT SAME PHENOMENON  
FOR IT TO BE DISMISSED AS MASS PANIC.

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE EMERGED WHO SAID  
THEY FELT TIME FOR PERIODS LASTING  
ANYWHERE FROM HOURS TO DECADES.



[800,000 YEARS LATER]



SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY BECOME LOST  
CHILDREN ON THE EDGE OF LIFE AND DEATH.

THERE WERE LESS THAN 50 CREW MEMBERS LEFT,  
THEY HAD LOST ROUGHLY  
A THIRD OF THE TOTAL CREW,  
BUT THE PROBE SILENTLY CONTINUED  
CHASING AFTER STARS.





NOW I FINALLY  
REALIZE



WHAT A MIRACULOUS  
STAR WE LIVED NEAR  
BACK ON EARTH.





IF YOU'RE LOSING HOPE,  
JUST THINK OF ALL  
THE PEOPLE COUNTING  
ON US.

AH, CAPTAIN.



NEVER FORGET  
THE PROMISE  
WE MADE WITH THEM.



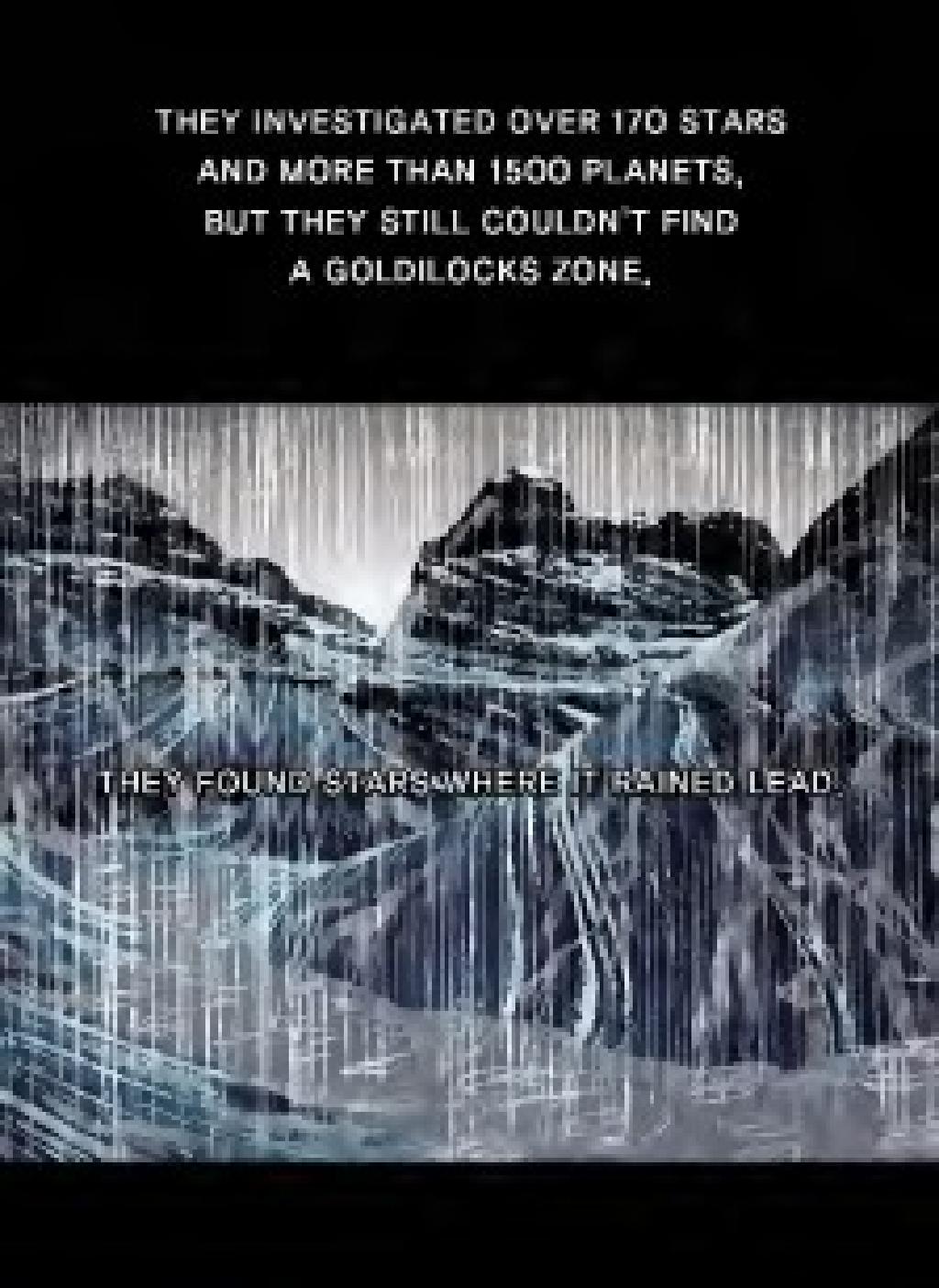


YES, CAPTAIN.  
I'LL KEEP THAT  
IN MIND....

[1.5 MILLION YEARS LATER]

[3.4 MILLION YEARS LATER]

THEY INVESTIGATED OVER 170 STARS  
AND MORE THAN 1500 PLANETS,  
BUT THEY STILL COULDN'T FIND  
A GOLDILOCKS ZONE.



THEY FOUND STARS WHERE IT RAINED LEAD.



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STARS WITH ENDLESS THUNDER AND LIGHTNING,

MOST OF THE UNIVERSE WAS EITHER HELL  
OR COMPLETELY EMPTY.

THIS WAS THE REALITY WHICH HUMANITY  
HAD TO FACE,



33 SURVIVORS,

THE DAMAGE TAKEN BY THE SHIP STARTED  
TO EXCEED THE AUTO REPAIR LIMIT.



THE CREW MEMBERS NO LONGER  
SPOKE TO EACH OTHER,

[5.2 MILLION YEARS LATER]



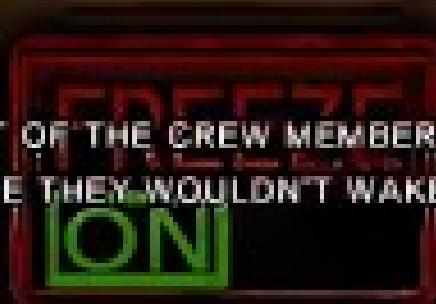
LET'S MOVE  
ON TO THE  
NEXT STAR...

THE LINE BETWEEN REALITY  
AND THE SURREAL BECAME BLURRED.

RATHER, IT BECAME MEANINGLESS.



SO MOST OF THE CREW MEMBERS HOPED  
THAT MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T WAKE UP AGAIN.

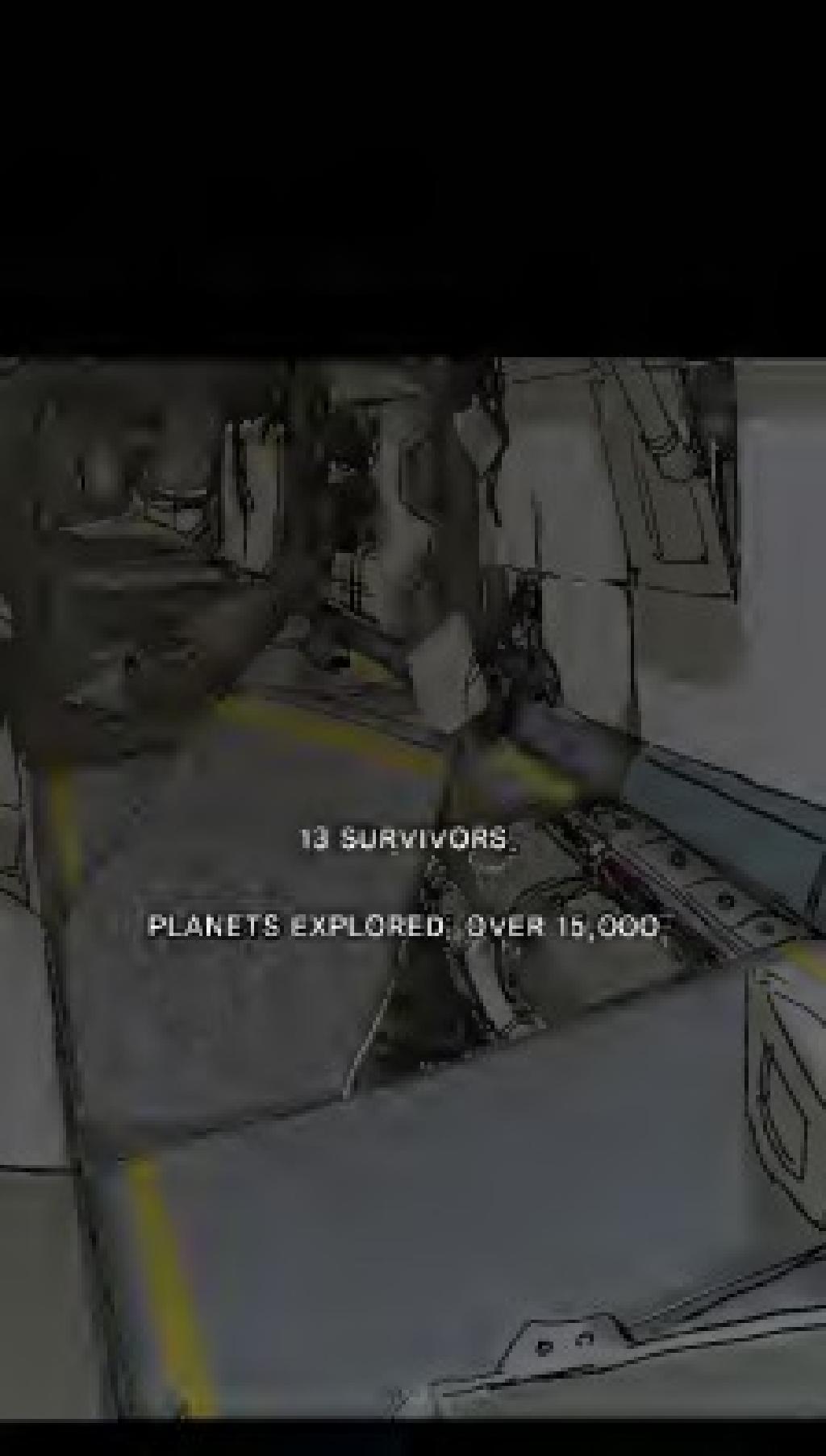


21 SURVIVORS.  
PLANETS EXPLORED: 5414

THE UNIVERSE WAS MORE VAST THAN  
THE HUMAN MIND CAN EVEN FATHOM,  
AND OUT OF 100 BILLION STARS

THEY HAD STILL ONLY EXPLORED  
AROUND 500.

[14.44 MILLION YEARS LATER]



13 SURVIVORS

PLANETS EXPLORED: OVER 15,000

AUTO REPAIR WAS NO LONGER  
POSSIBLE FOR SHIP DAMAGE

ENGINE OUTPUT WAS NOW ONLY  
AT 22% OF ITS MAXIMUM CAPACITY

THE PRESERVED FOOD IN  
COLD STORAGE WAS AGING.

FOOD COULD NOT BE  
PRODUCED OR MAINTAINED.



THE ATMOSPHERE INSIDE THE SHIP  
WAS CALM AND HEAVY.

LOOKS LIKE  
THIS IS OUR LAST  
MEAL TOGETHER.

NO ONE DARED SAY IT OUT LOUD,  
BUT THEY ALL REALIZED THAT THIS  
MEANT THE END OF HUMANITY.

THEY GAVE UP THEIR REMAINING HOPE  
WITHOUT LOOKING BACK,  
THEY TOOK OUT ALL OF THE REMAINING FOOD.



WELL,  
DIG IN EVERYONE.

AT THAT VERY MOMENT,  
WHEN THEIR FINAL SUPPER WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN



DATA WAS TRANSMITTED BACK FROM  
A DRONE WHICH THEY HAD SENT OUT.



OH... MY GOD.....

AND THEN,

A MIRACLE OCCURRED.



THERE'S A SEA!!!



CAPTAIN!! WATER!!

SHOCK, ECSTATIC JOY, AND A MIX  
OF LAUGHTER AND TEARS.

FOR A WHILE, ARK EIGHT WAS ENGULFED IN JOY,  
EXCITEMENT AND MADNESS.

A BRIGHTLY SHINING STAR,  
AND THE THIRD PLANET AROUND THAT STAR.  
  
ON IT, THERE WAS LAND WITH A PRIMORDIAL  
SEA AND ATMOSPHERE.

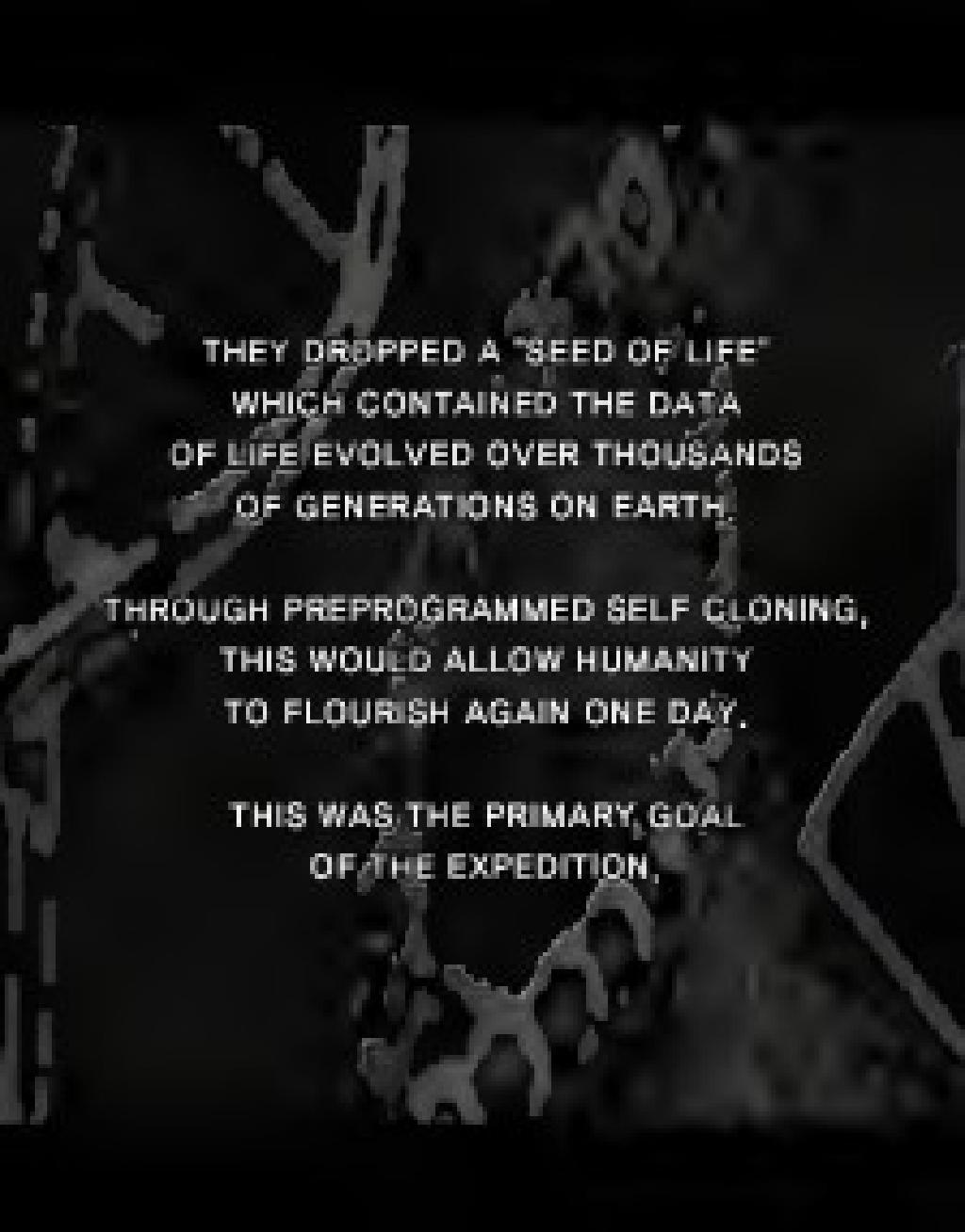




HOW LONG WILL  
TERRAFORMING  
TAKE?

SEVEN DAYS.  
MOST OF THE ATMOSPHERIC  
MAKE-UP IS SIMILAR TO EARTH'S  
PRIMORDIAL ATMOSPHERE,  
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ADJUST  
A FEW THINGS.

GOOD.  
THEN ONE MORE THING—  
CHECK THE "SEED"  
DATA FOR ME.



THEY DROPPED A "SEED OF LIFE"  
WHICH CONTAINED THE DATA  
OF LIFE EVOLVED OVER THOUSANDS  
OF GENERATIONS ON EARTH.

THROUGH PREPROGRAMMED SELF CLONING,  
THIS WOULD ALLOW HUMANITY  
TO FLOURISH AGAIN ONE DAY.

THIS WAS THE PRIMARY GOAL  
OF THE EXPEDITION.

EVERYTHING  
LOOKS FINE...  
AH, WAIT,  
PART OF THE CODE  
HAS BEEN DELETED.

DELETED?



WHICH PART?

e.



IT SEEMS THAT  
THE "MEMORY"  
SECTION HAS  
DISAPPEARED.



IT SAYS IT WAS  
DELETED BY...



**THAT'S RIGHT.  
I DELETED IT!**





DOCTOR YUDAI

HOW COULD YOU DO  
SUCH A THING?!



I KEPT THINKING  
ABOUT IT THE ENTIRE TIME.  
WHEN I WAS AWAKE,  
AND EVEN WHEN  
I WAS ASLEEP.

A black and white illustration of a man in a dark suit and tie, looking towards the right. He is positioned in front of a large, complex industrial facility with pipes, tanks, and structures. A large speech bubble originates from his mouth, containing the following text.

I WONDERED,  
DOES HUMANITY  
REALLY HAVE  
A RIGHT TO HAVE THIS  
KIND OF POWER?

A NEW START FOR HUMANITY  
ON A NEW PLANET.  
THIS WAS THE PROJECT'S  
PRIMARY OBJECTIVE.

HOWEVER, THIS BY ITSELF WOULD NOT ALLOW  
THE CONTINUATION OF THE SOUL.<sup>2</sup>

IN OTHER WORDS,  
THE HUMANITY FROM THE PAST  
WOULD SIMPLY VANISH INTO  
A NEBULOUS DARKNESS,



SO WE AGREED TO PLANT  
A "MEMORY" WHICH WOULD ENSURE  
THAT THE HUMANITY OF THE  
FUTURE WOULD REMEMBER  
AND REVERE US.

BY DOING SO,  
THE HUMANS THAT WOULD BE BORN  
AND RAISED ON THIS STAR  
WOULD REMEMBER THEIR ANCESTORS,  
AND CONTINUE TO REVERE THEM.



**AND SOMEDAY!  
FOR SURE!!**



AFTER MANY HOURS,  
HUMANITY WOULD RESEARCH  
THE TRUE NATURE OF "GOD" AND THE "SOUL"  
AND WOULD EVEN RECREATE THEM,  
BRINGING THEM BACK TO  
THE HEIGHT OF CIVILIZATION.

SINCE THE SEED WAS PROGRAMMED TO DO SO.  
THIS WAS GUARANTEED TO HAPPEN.

I OPPOSE ALL THIS!  
CALL ME A TRAITOR  
IF YOU LIKE!!

I CANNOT ALLOW US TO  
TAKE AWAY THE FREE WILL  
OF FUTURE HUMANS  
BECAUSE OF OUR OWN  
GREED!

BECAUSE OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION,  
OR ADVENT,

WHETHER IT BE FORMLESS OR NOT,  
AND WHETHER IT BE INDIVIDUAL OR UNIFIED,

HUMANITY WOULD BE REVIVED  
IN ITS ORIGINAL STATE,  
AND THIS WAS THE REAL OBJECTIVE  
OF THE EXPEDITION.

FROM ALPHA,

TO NEW ALPHA,

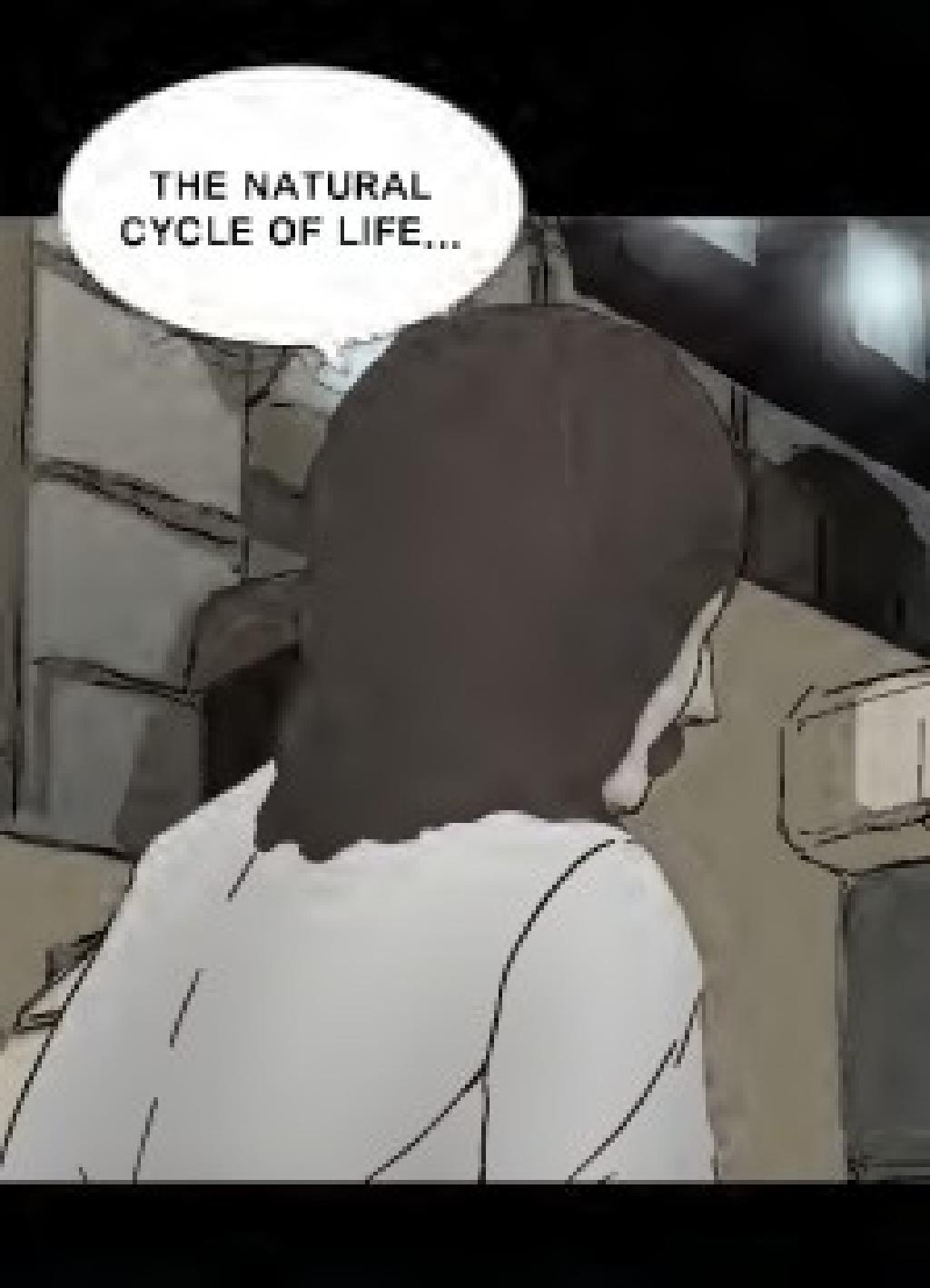
"THAT'S RIGHT. WE LEFT WITH  
A PROMISE OF SALVATION AND  
ETERNAL LIFE."



"BUT THIS IS NOT  
THE NATURAL CYCLE OF LIFE.  
THIS VIOLATES THE PROVIDENCE  
OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF..."



NATURAL.....

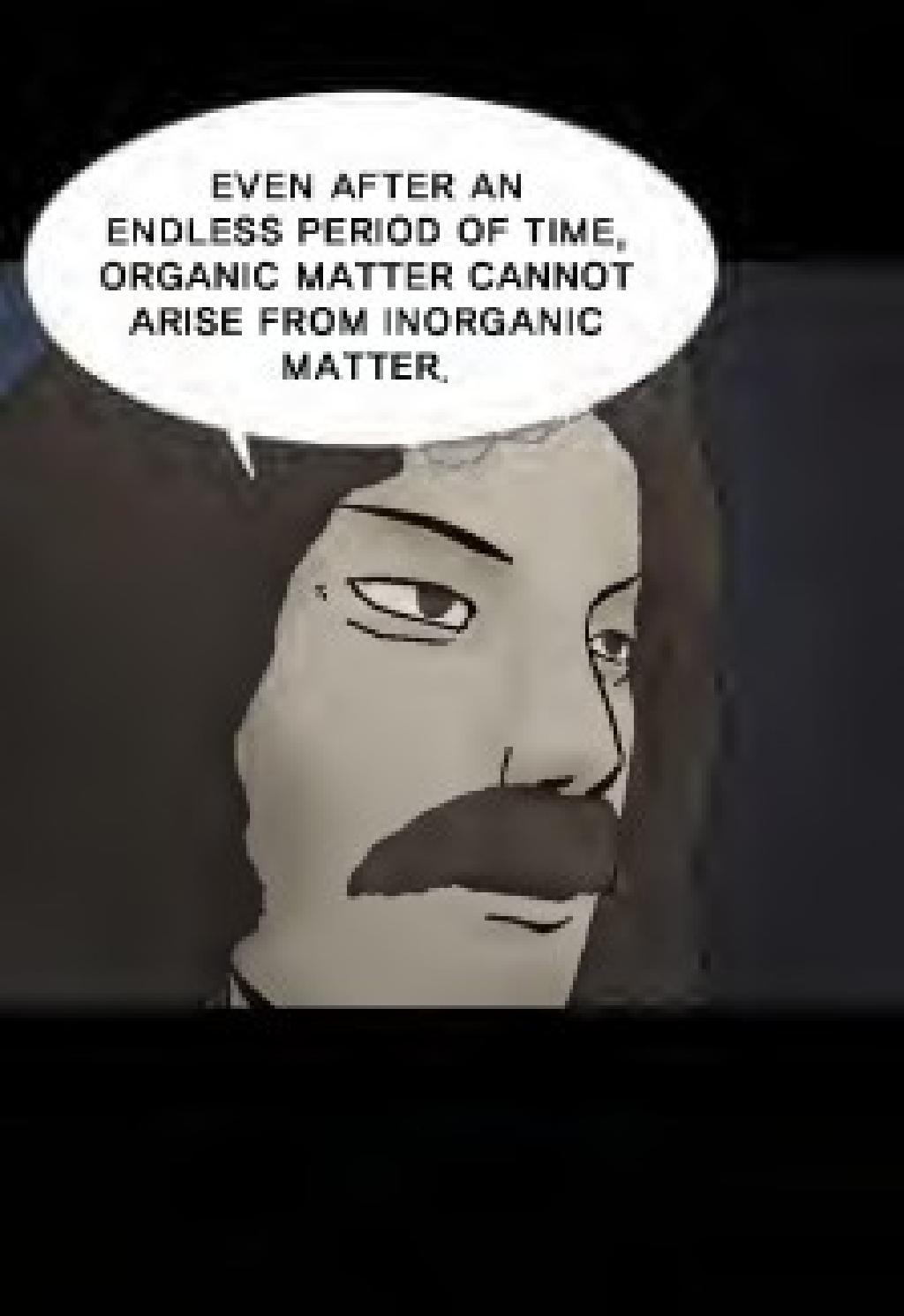


THE NATURAL  
CYCLE OF LIFE...

LIFE CANNOT  
BE CREATED  
BY CHANCE.



DOCTOR YUDA,  
LOOKS LIKE ENDLESS  
TIME HAS ROBBED YOU  
OF YOUR SENSES.



EVEN AFTER AN  
ENDLESS PERIOD OF TIME,  
ORGANIC MATTER CANNOT  
ARISE FROM INORGANIC  
MATTER.



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN  
THAT LIFE DOES NOT  
"OCCUR"

BUT RATHER,  
IS "CREATED"?



PLEASE...  
STOP IT...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH  
OF THIS ENDLESS  
CYCLE...

BUT YOU CANNOT  
DO THAT.

WE PROMISED ETERNAL  
LIFE FOR HUMANITY,  
AND WE MUST KEEP THIS  
PROMISE AT ALL COSTS.

[SEVEN DAYS LATER.]

BY THE CAPTAIN'S  
OMNIPOTENCE,  
ALL CODES SHALL  
BE RESTORED.





THEY CONTAINED A SEED WHICH HELD AN  
ASTRONOMICAL MOMENT OF INNOVATION.



A STONKING METEOR SHOWERS  
RAINED DOWN ON THE PRIMEVAL SEA.

*SPRING*

THIS SEED WOULD EVOLVE INTO A PRIMEVAL CELL,  
PRIMEVAL ORGANISM, HIGHER ORGANISM  
AND THEN FINALLY A HUMAN.

AND JUST AS EVER  
ANCESTORS DID FOR  
GENERATIONS BEFORE THEM.



THOSE HUMANS  
WILL CALL THIS STAR "EARTH,"